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MEMORANDUM FOR: Northeast Fisheries Observer Program Observers

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SUBJECT: 2010 Sea Scallop Fishing Year Coverage Rates

This memo clarifies the Fishing Year 2010 (FY2010) Sea Scallop Industry-Funded Sea Day Schedule. Overall annual observer coverage rates for Fishing Year 2010 remain at: 10% for open area, 10% for the Elephant Trunk Access Area (ETAA), and 13% for the Delmarva Access Area (DMVAA). The coverage rate for the NLCA will be determined closer to the area opening. Table 1 shows monthly coverage rates by area, permit type, and gear.

Coverage rates for Limited Access scallop vessels include all gear types. ETAA coverage rates will be targeted at 10% in the summer and 6% the remainder of the year. DMVAA coverage rates will be targeted at 14% in the summer and 9% the remainder of the year. Open area coverage rates will be targeted at 13% in the summer and 7% the remainder of the year.

Coverage Rates for General Category scallop vessels will be divided by gear type. ETAA coverage rates will be targeted at 6% in the summer and 3% the remainder of the year for vessels fishing with a dredge, and targeted at 10% in the summer and 5% the remainder of the year for vessels fishing with a trawl. DMVAA coverage rates will be targeted at 8% in the summer and 4% the remainder of the year for vessels fishing with a dredge, and targeted at 12% in the summer and 6% the remainder of the year for vessels fishing with a trawl.

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Thank you.

Attachments: 2010 Sea Scallop Industry-Funded Sea Day Schedule



Table 1: FY2010 Industry-Funded Scallop Sea Day Schedule

Area	Permit Type	Gear													
			March 2010		April 2010	May 2010	June 2010	July 2010	August 2010	September 2010	October 2010	November 2010	December 2010	January 2011	February 2011
ETAA	Limited Access	Dredge/Trawl	2%	20%	6%	6%	10%	10%	10%	X	X	6%	6%	6%	6%
DMVAA	Limited Access	Dredge/Trawl	3%	20%	9%	9%	14%	14%	14%	X	X	9%	9%	9%	9%
Open	Limited Access	Dredge/Trawl	5%	20%	7%	7%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	7%	7%	7%	7%
ETAA	General Category	Dredge	2%		3%	3%	6%	6%	6%	X	X	3%	3%	3%	3%
ETAA	General Category	Trawl	5%		5%	5%	10%	10%	10%	X	X	5%	5%	5%	5%
DMVAA	General Category	Dredge	3%		4%	4%	8%	8%	8%	X	X	4%	4%	4%	4%
DMVAA	General Category	Trawl	7%		6%	6%	12%	12%	12%	X	X	6%	6%	6%	6%

X – Indicates area closed

